



House District 22

Dear Neighbor — We research legislative candidates' voting records, public statements, campaign websites and endorsements, then provide that information to voters like you. ***In your district, where do the candidates stand on important issues?***

Your Candidates



Cathryn Neracher (R)



Matt Koleszar (D)

ISSUE 1: PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do the candidates support our public schools and teachers?

Cathryn Neracher (R)

NO

Neracher doesn't think sex ed should be taught in "any way, shape, or form" and would prevent teachers from discussing history in the classroom.

Source: Freedom Voter Guide, Questionnaire; Michigan Advance, 3/21/22; Friends for Cathryn Neracher

Matt Koleszar (D)

YES

Koleszar helped pass record investments in public education to help reduce class sizes, make sure classrooms have the supplies they need, and prioritize hiring and retaining quality teachers.

Source: <https://mattformichigan.org/priorities/>

ISSUE 2: WOMEN'S HEALTH

Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?

Cathryn Neracher (R)

NO

Neracher is committed to banning the right to choose, even if a woman is the victim of rape or incest.

Source: Twitter, 6/14/22; Right to Life of Michigan,; AMA Journal of Ethics, 3/20/18; Bridge Michigan, 6/7/22

Matt Koleszar (D)

YES

Koleszar believes that women should have bodily autonomy and be able to make their own healthcare decisions.

Source: <https://housedems.com/koleszar-on-reproductive-freedom-for-all-petition/>

ISSUE 3: WATER QUALITY

Do the candidates support efforts to ensure clean water?

Cathryn Neracher (R)

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Neracher is backed by the party bosses who want to loosen regulations on big polluters, allowing them to dump more toxic waste into our rivers and lakes.

Source: Michigan Department of State, 7/22/22; Bridge Michigan, 4/27/22; Michigan LCV; HB 4443 & 4444, 4/27/21; Sierra Club, 5/5/22

Matt Koleszar (D)

YES

Koleszar helped pass the bipartisan Clean Water Plan to protect the Great Lakes, get rid of lead pipes, and upgrade our water infrastructure. He will force polluters to clean up their mess.

Source: <https://mattformichigan.org/priorities/>

Candidates' positions are often more complicated than "yes" or "no." We have done our best to represent each candidate in a fair and reasonable way within that framework, but encourage you to seek out additional detailed information on these and other issues. We hope this information is useful as you make your choice in this important election!